

Local Work Group development of local EQIP

Wilkin County District FY09 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

Soil Erosion
Soil Quality
Water Quality

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

Bois de Sioux Watershed
Lower Ottertail Watershed
Whiskey Creek Watershed
South Branch of the Buffalo River Watershed

3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.

No Till
50% Residue Mgmt
Fall Cover Crop
30% Residue Mgmt
Practices within 200 feet of a perennial stream

4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.

1. Is the practice being applied in the Bois de Sioux Watershed?	10
2. Is the practice being applied in the Lower Ottertail Watershed?	7
3. Is the practice being applied in the Whiskey Creek Watershed?	5
4. Is the practice being applied in the South Branch Watershed?	4
5. Is the Practice being applied within 200' of a perennial Waterway as identified on the USGS map?	10
6. Consideration for completing No-Till / Strip Till	8
7. Consideration for 50% Residue Management	7
8. Consideration for Fall Seeded Cover Crop	5
9. Consideration for 30% Residue Management	4

5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions should be between 35 to 60 points.

6. Submit this worksheet electronically to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed. This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 09 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

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